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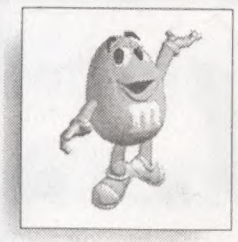

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Earthquake renovations shake up school

Renovations will include a new roof and elevator, plus the instalation a shear wall

By David Beavers

Portland Public Schools will bring Lincoln up to seismic requirements by putting in "shear" walls in three areas around the building. The walls go into the ground and are the height of the building.

They will be installed in the corners of each wing and another one will be reconstructed with the Eastern wall inside the courtyard. That wall will be placed 10 feet away from the building because of a trench that is next to the wall.

The walls will be installed to keep the building from collapsing during an earthquake. "As of now the building is not legally stable to prevent the buildings collapse during an earthquake," said Principal Velma Johnson, "but by putting these walls in, we can insure the safety of the school and be up to school code."

The school will also add a new ceiling to the building that extracts smoke from the halls, permitting students being able to escape with minimized smoke inhalation. A new elevator will also be installed to accommodate the handicapped. A new ramp will be added to the West wing for convenience of the handicapped.

Restrictions have been made by both the City Fundamental Design Guidelines and Goose Hollow Design Guidelines. The concerns of these groups are that all works of art and water features be left undisturbed. The guidelines were also set so the building itself could keep its architectural integrity.

The school district decided that the shear walls would just support the building instead of changing it. The district also plans to paint the wall and add windowing holes so the rooms blocked off by the wall will have some light.

All major construction to the building will begin this summer, and will not be finished for over a year. Johnson doesn't know how much the construction will cost, but she predicts that it will be in the millions.

Funding comes from a bond that was passed last November. "This should bring the school up to code while keeping it's old fashioned look for years to come," said Johnson.

Jeff Nelson

▲ **I can dig it:** Construction on the school is officially under way after movement of a tree near the north doors by the lawn.

An evening of Big Band

By Pernilla Nathan

The Constitution team is going to the national competition in Washington D.C., April 30-May 4, for its 11th consecutive year. With costs exceeding over $30,000, not including airfare, the team of 30 students organized the Big Band Bash, a combination dance and concert, to raise funds last Thursday, April 2.

"We're hoping this new look will bring in more people, and be even more fun," said sophomore Emma Pollack-Pelzner. Even the posters are different. "They want to spice it up a little," said senior Bryan Kopra.

Constitution teacher Hal Hart, part of the 22 member Providence Stage Band, played familiar sounds of the 1935-50 era, such as Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey. The band entertains a wide variety of musical talent and meets once a month.

Swing club members were helping to teach swing dance moves. Why the new look? "I was intrigued with the fact that swing is coming back," said Hart. "It's a return to the 1940's."

Lincoln's own rockers also played. Mateo Bevington, Bryan Kopra, Andrew and Dave Pulliam, and Jake Oken-Berg a member of last year's bronze medalist team.

Donations are still accepted and tax deductible. The team will compete against 49 other states and the District of Columbia from April 30 to May 6.

▲ **A little light music:** The bash kicked off last Thursday

Elections add lunchtime Q&A

By Amy Jennaro

As in previous years, candidates for student body offices will have the opportunity to speak before classmates in an assembly tomorrow and students will cast their votes fifth period.

Students who are interested in finding out more about the candidates can go to a lunchtime presentation tomorrow in room 169 where each student running will be able to present their platform. The winners will be announced on April 8.

1998 ASB Candidates

President
Robbie Greenman
Maggie Schouten
Charlie Schwartz
Liesel Kiel

Vice President
Nancy Rhodes
Marco Gould

Spirit Commissioner
Kerri Breslin

Treasurer
Jonathan Schwartz
Jennifer Rosenbaum

Secretary
Erin Breslin

There are no candidates for Publicity Commissioners or Assembly Commissioner

Certificate of Initial Mastery introduces new curriculum

A series of tests taken by sophomores hopes to raise district standards

By Geoff Hendricks

While sophomores are taking the state-mandated Certificate of Initial Mastery test as pilots for the administration, freshmen are preparing for next spring when the certificate will actually be given out to those who pass.

Testing began in February with the writing and open-ended math sections. Multiple choice in math, writing, and science will follow. Writing will be tested in English classes on April 13 and 14, math in Health classes on April 7 and 8, and science in certain Science classes on April 6.

Tests will be sent to the state for scoring on a system which Curriculum Vice Principal John Vingelen has yet to receive. What has been determined is that the passing score will be the equivalent of a 239 on the PALT tests.

The purpose of implementing the new CIM program is to raise standards. "Lincoln standards may not change," said Vingelen. "What we're interested in is reaching the highest possible (standard) we can and not lowering it."

To accommodate the new tests, changes will take place in the teaching of some classes. The most affected classes will be certain social studies courses, because U.S. History is on the CIM test, but not taught until junior year.

For the moment there is no plan for what to do if a student fails the test, but even if a current sophomores fail he does not have to retake the test. Next year it is possible that a special class will be created if students all have trouble in the same area.

For the current freshmen, the graduation credit system will still apply, but as the test is implemented more and more, the credit system will eventually be phased out completely.

Income tax buys jobs for teachers

By Ben Amster

Citizens of Multnomah County voted to send $12 million to county schools, including $9.4 million to Portland Public Schools, by passing Measure 26-68 in a mail-in election on March 10.

The measure, which passed with 55 percent of the vote, will raise the Business Income Tax for businesses which already pay over $100 in B.I.T. The money may be used only to buy back F.T.E. (Full-time equivalency), and while two-thirds of businesses are exempt, 26-68 is projected to pay for 180 staff members around the county.

The problem with 26-68 is that it is only short-term, lasting from January to December 1998. School board chairman, Ron Saxton has made no concrete decisions about what to do after that.

"The B.I.T. will be a Band-Aid for this year. After that we must look to the legislature to see what else we can do," said Kathie Humes, Lincoln parent and one of *The Oregonian's* public education backing "three moms" (along with Marianne Fitzgerald and Francie Royce). The initiative is considered by its backers to be only a one-time solution.

Correction

In the March 6 issue we incorrectly reported the ballot measure number. The correct number is 26-68 as reported here.

The Roses Are Red...

Since it began selecting high school seniors in 1929, the annual Rose Festival coronation has left its mark on Lincoln

Perlman headed to Schnitz

Deborah Perlman could be Lincoln's fourth Rose Festival queen in five years

By Jake Oken-Berg

Despite the fact that three of the last four Rose Festival queens have been chosen from Lincoln, this year's court member, Deborah Perlman, seems to take it all in stride.

"I've tried to take everything step-by-step," said Perlman. "At first all I cared about was being selected to Lincoln's court. Then, of course, I wanted to be on the Rose Festival court. Now, I'm excited about having the chance to be queen."

Perlman, an All-City dancer for two years and sister to dozens of foster children, will represent Lincoln on May 28, at the annual Rose Festival coronation ceremony at the Schnitzer.

She learned of her selection on March 10, moments after last year's queen, Adrian Williams mused with typical confidence, "I know something that you don't."

What all the nominees did know was what Williams had told them the day before the competition that "they need to make sure that they just go out and have fun."

Perlman, who appeared poised and relaxed throughout the entire process, seemed to take Williams' advice to heart. "There's not any more preparation you can do once you're up on stage," said Perlman. "I just tried to be myself and not worry."

Perlman also attributed her demeanor to training in dance, which she said even helped her in knowing how to stand during her speech.

Besides her involvment with dance, Perlman also takes classes at Portland State University, and helps care for the foster children in her home. "My family is really important to me," said Perlman, "and I wanted that to come across in my speech."

Marcie Epperson

▲ **Lincoln Court:** (Clockwise from top left) seniors Heidi Stuelpnagel, Molly Montgomery, Andrea Hart, Krista Bangsund, Deborah Perlman, Allison Baer, Ethan Erickson, TrangNguyen, Alex Langberg, David Jacobson, Ted Dervin, and Carson Maxted.

ROSE FESTIVAL Digits

67
TOTAL NUMBER OF PAST QUEENS

12
NUMBER OF PAST QUEENS FROM LINCOLN

33
NUMBER OF FLOATS IN THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE

5,000
NUMBER OF FLOWERS PER FLOAT

30
NUMBER OF GALLONS OF GLUE PER FLOAT

91
NUMBER OF GRAND FLORAL PARADES

3
NUMBER OF TIMES CANCELLED

23,000,000
NUMBER OF TELEVISION VIEWERS NATIONWIDE PER YEAR

Information for 'Numbers that Count' compiled by Marianna Joy and Sarah Hodgson

Queen speak

A year after her coronation, Lincoln princess and Rose Festival Queen, Adrian Williams reflects on her experiences as part of the tradition.

By Amy Jennaro

Adrian Williams has led an exciting life since becoming the 1997 Rose Festival queen.

She has traveled across the country, visited Taiwan, and still had time to take 18 credits at the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

In fact, Williams' life has been so busy that she claims to have "no free time."

What takes up a lot of her time is traveling to other cities as queen.

Williams went to Kaoshung,Taiwan in November and met officials involved with with Portland's Sister City Association.

"I was an ambassador for Portland. I visited schools there," she said.

In January, Williams rode on a float as part of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

She also went to the Rose Bowl.

Williams will complete her travels this month with a trip to San Antonio, Texas, where she will be in a small parade.

"It is my job to represent everyone in Portland and to have a smile on my face, which isn't hard," said Williams of her duties.

But while Rose Festival has bid for a lot of her time, Williams still remains focused on school.

She is a film and video major at PNCA and hopes to enter fire fighter training after graduation.

Williams sees becoming a fire fighter as "a way for me to work and do art on the side."

And as she looks forward to her future, Williams still gives credit to what opportunities Rose Festival has given her.

"[Rose Festival] opened doors for me that wouldn't have been opened otherwise," she said.

Lloyde crowned in five minutes

A 1946 story puts the spotlight on Lincoln's fourth Rose Festival Queen

"Shall I start from the right or the left? Let's start from the right. Congratulations, Queen Lloyde I."

These were the words of Mr. Manley Treece, chairman of the queen selection, as he greeted the 1946 Court of Rosaria. The princesses were seated in a semi-circle, with Lloyde at the extreme right. Mr. Jesse Gard, president of the Portland Rose Festival Association accompanied Mr. Treece to the dressing room where the good news was told.

It took only five short minutes for the judges to make known their decision to the court. Defying tradition, Lloyde failed to shed copious tears, but gasped a long "Ah" in wonder and amazement.

The princesses were escorted by their respective student body presidents. They all looked unusually lovely in white net gowns with boufffante skirts; and each wore quaint, elbow-length mitts, and carried boquets of exquisite pink roses.

As the curtains parted to reveal the new Rosaria ruler it displayed an exceptionally beautiful scene. It consisted of a background of massed flowers in pastel shades, palms, and a splendid gold curain; Lloyde was seated on the royal throne with her court ranged about her.

In the 17 years in which the Portland high schools have provided the royal court, Lincoln princesses have four times been queen. Caroline Hahn in 1930, Rachel Atkinson in 1931, Janet Sooysmith in 1936, and the 1946 ruler, Lloyde Hughes.

May 27, 1946

▲ **Number four:** Queen Lloyde was Lincoln's fourth queen in 17 years when she was selected in May of 1946.

council watch

Memorandum composed by:

Sarah Hodgson

The **Second Wind** food competition was won by Mimi Alkire's second period class. Her class brought in 546 lbs. Altogether, 3049 lbs. of food was raised for Oregon Food Bank.

The **Constitution** is still being discussed. It will be voted on in General Assembly on April 15.

The annual **"Mr. Lincoln"** competition will be held on April 16. In the past, the proceeds have gone back into the "Mr. Lincoln" fund.

It has not been decided where the proceeds from this year's "Mr. Lincoln" will go, but some ideas are: donating the money to Executive Council, giving it to the Senior Class, or using it to kick-off the spring charity in El Salvador.

The **spring charity** will start the last week of April and run through the first week in May. The hope is to be able to donate computers to El Salvador.

Academic standards for athletes are being discussed. Right now, the statewide standard says that an athlete must be enrolled in at least five classes, and be passing all of them to be eligible for competition.

The hope is to raise the minumum GPA from 0.8 to 1.5. A time that this would be implemented has yet to be decided.

The **Lincoln forums** will be resuming now that Project Second Wind is over. Some topics that may be addressed are race, sexual harassment, drug problems and school funding. The forums are sponsored by the Senior Class.

New OMSI exhibit SPORT! s its stuff

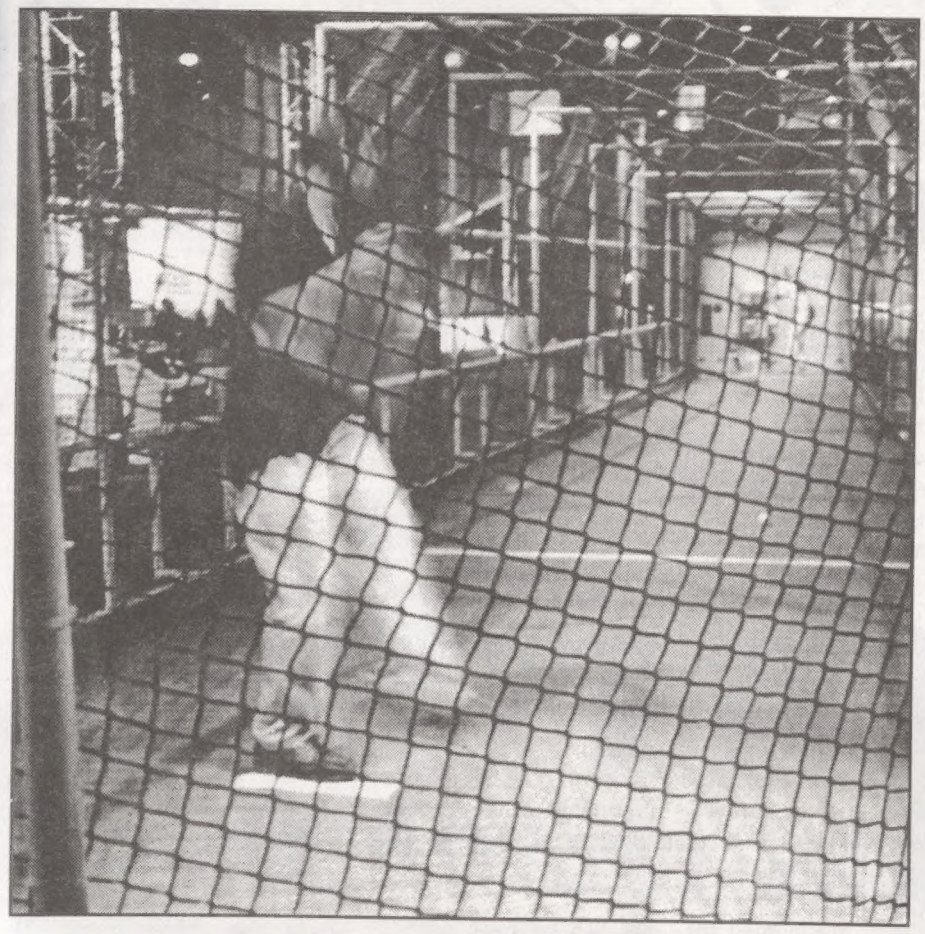
By Jesse Halsted

If you have ever wondered about the body mechanics that go into throwing, running, or jumping, then you should to go to OMSI. Running through April 26, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will be featuring *SPORT!*, the world's largest interactive exhibit devoted entirely to the science behind sport.

"Never mind hands-on. *SPORT!* is bodies-on, exciting the very human need to play," said Nancy Stueber, vice president of education and exhibits for OMSI. "Visitors can test their bodies and skills using dozens of interactive stations and games. They'll learn as they burn calories, perform, compete and judge."

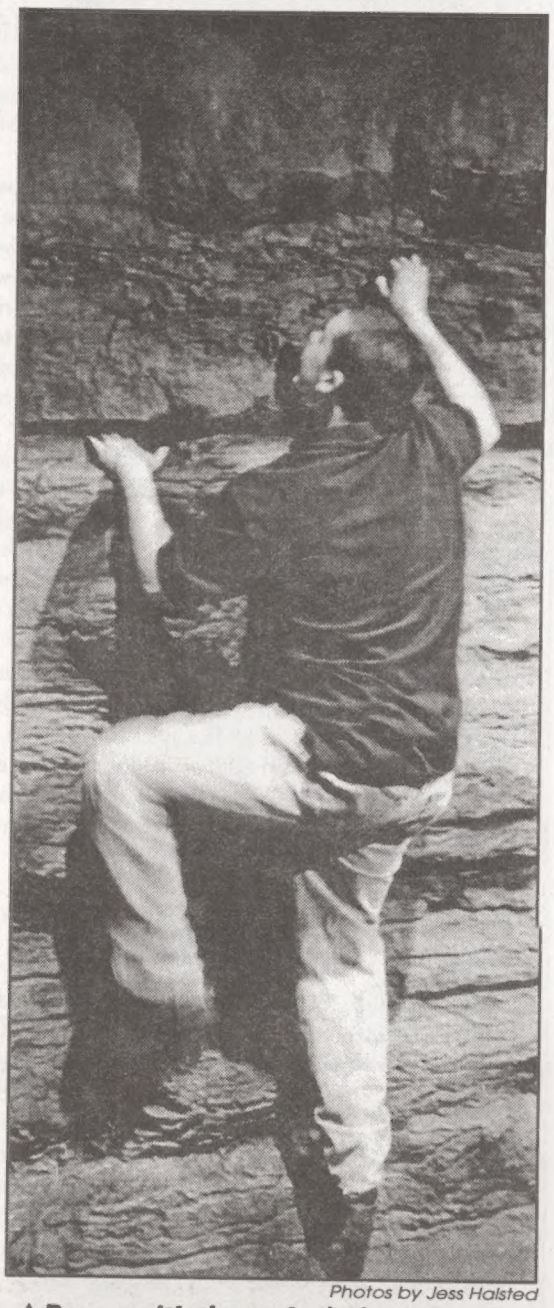
The 6,000 square-foot exhibit features dozens of bodies-on activities. Youths and adults can test their speed pitching a baseball the regulation distance from the mound to home plate, walking on a balance beam, climbing a rock wall, experienceing spinning like an ice skater, hurling 100+miles an hour in a bobsled, uncovering secrets behind the way people walk, and feeling official power as they judge a gymnastic or ice skating event with computer coaching.

General admission to OMSI is $6.50 for ages 14-62 and $4.50 for ages 63+and 13 and lower. OMSI is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



▲ **Hey, batter, batter!** Do you have a big league heater?

▲ **Steady, steady:** Try your luck on the beam.



Photos by Jess Halsted

▲ **Becauseit's there:** Scale the rock wall.

Need to rent a Tux for the Prom?

Come to Cromwells

Get a great discount coupon from Jacob Oken-Berg !

Consider plants

With the decision to renovate the building to bring it up to earthquake safety standards, many changes have taken place.

The ground has been excavated near the North Wing entrance, there are more construction vehicles parked along S.W.14th St., and an oak tree has been moved.

> Imagine your whole family ripped away, to have them sit just out of reach.

The young tree sat by the side of the North Wing entrance and is now about 20 feet away, in a place around the edge of the courtyard where there is nothing except a rhododendron bush and a few roses to keep it company.

This all may be for a good purpose, but did any one consider what the tree might be feeling about the move? Most likely not.

The tree might have bonded with the plants and dirt around it; it may have gotten used to the sunlight it got in that one place.

Other dangers were involved in moving the tree. It might not have survived. Imagine your whole family ripped away, to have them sit just out of reach.

We, as fellow living beings, need to be more considerate of our surroundings.

Granted, some things need to be done, like the earthquake renovations, but we need to consult with our plant friends before we do this.

This is the only way to live in harmony with the universe.

Mother Earth is hurting. We need to be considerate to her needs, or there may not be a Mother Earth.

Cancelling break

Since the time when it was founded in 1869, Lincoln has had to deal with unclean halls and a janitorial staff that in recent years has grown smaller because of cuts.

In the past, the administrators tried to encourage students to pick up their trash by closing some of the messiest halls during the lunch hour. A group of parents also helped the problem by patrolling the halls.

But with the increasing filth in the school, the administrators have taken an even more drastic step: they have decided to remove the break if the halls are in an unacceptable condition.

> "Individuals who are found littering should be penalized for their actions, yet rarely are."

With the removal of break twice already, an important question has been brought up: should all students be punished because a few students refuse to pick up their trash?

The Cardinal Times believes they shouldn't. Individuals who are found littering should be penalized for their actions, yet rarely are. Despite the fact that two security guards and numerous teachers and parents patrol the halls at lunch looking for offenders, few students are ever reprimanded, and the problem gets increasingly worse.

According to Administrative Vice Principal Ken Fong, the main reason so few students are caught is because, "It's tough for just a few people to patrol the campus in terms of littering." But this still doesn't excuse the fact that these students continue to get away with trashing the building while the whole school must suffer the consequences.

The real solution to the problem is to raise the level of expectations for students. Last year, the administration threatened to not allow seniors who littered the halls on the last day of school to participate in the graduation ceremony. The result was that not one piece of paper was found in the halls as seniors hugged their friends good-bye.

The freshmen that year never saw the so-called tradition of seniors trashing the halls and may be far less likely to do that themselves.

If the administrators want to have clean halls, they will have to find a way to prove to students that trashing the halls carries consequences for each offender. And they will have to show students that it really doesn't take much effort to walk two feet to the nearest trash can.

Spring is coming

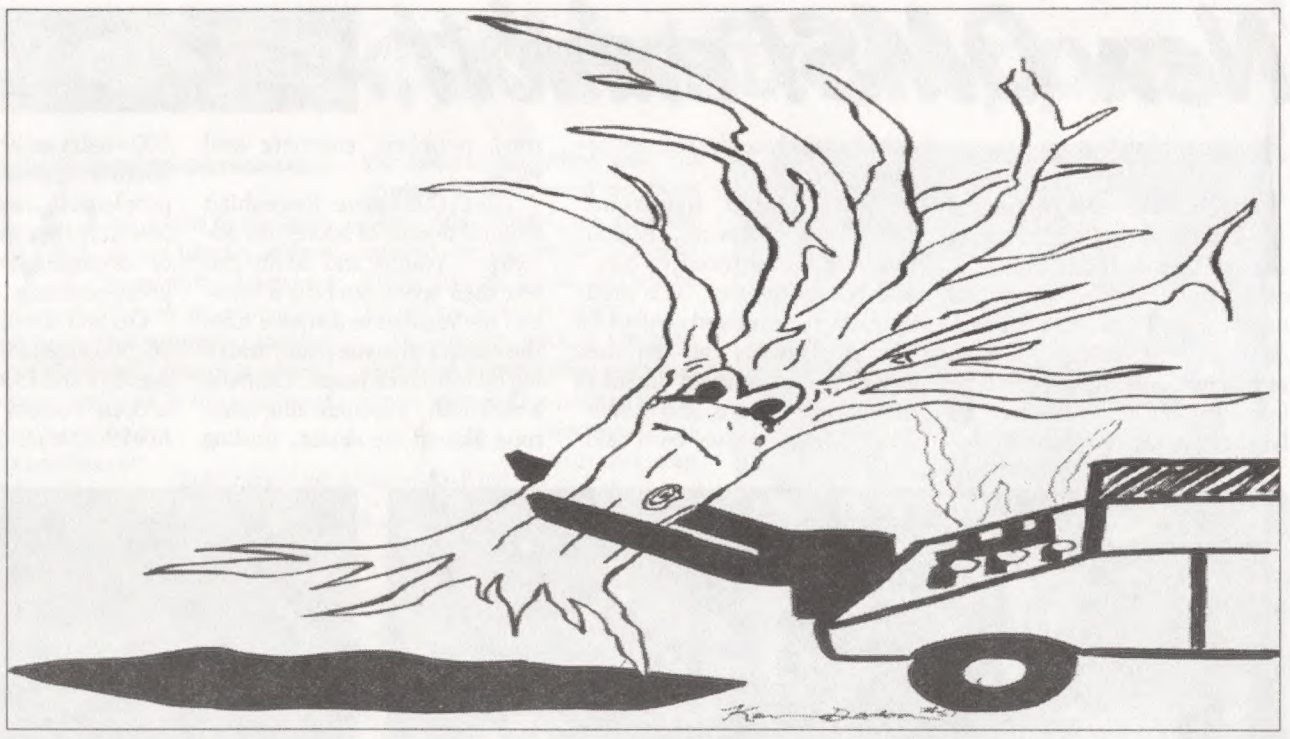
Spring, eternal spring, is once again favoring Lincoln with her warmth, fragrance, color and beauty. Once again tulips are peeping through the ground, daffodils are unfolding, pussy willows are demurely showing their fur, trees are turning green, and vines are climbing to new and dizzying heights.

Robins wake you up in the early morning, frogs put you to bed at night. Not to be outdone by Natures brilliantly colored dress, Lincoln students are adding their note to the general panorama that is Spring.

White, blue, green, shoes; red, yellow, purple, sweaters; gaily checked, brightly colored, skirts; hatless heads of sun bleached, windblown hair; gay shouts down the Park Blocks; undefined sparkle in certain eyes; wistful glances out of sun-showered windows; paper-littered streets.

All this signifies to the observing of just one thing-spring has come to Portland.

"Spring" April 14, 1936



Least likely to grow up?

"Sex, drugs, rock and roll...
Drink a beer...
Smoke a bowl...
Love is good, sex is great...
We're the class of '98"

O.K. I'll give them that. It's catchy, and they managed to make it rhyme, but I'm not sure that is how the class really wants to be remembered. This was the motto on the title page of an underground "senior survey" that recently circulated through Lincoln. I don't have a problem with the premise or even a majority of the questions. But some of the questions cross the line of good taste and on a more serious note could be considered libelous.

Jesse Halsted

It starts out innocent enough: "Who is the best looking male/female? Best dressed male/female? Worst dressed male?"

Then it moves on to the borderline with: "Most likely to get s****y off O'Douls? Most likely to live in a trailer? Best ass? And most likely to end up on Prozac?" Besides just being pointless questions, I think anyone named for these categories would be offended.

> "...some of the questions cross the line of good taste, and on a more serious note could be considered libelous."

Next the survey takes a giant pole vault over the line with: "Most diseased? Worst lay? Most obvious virgin?" And "most likely to kill their parents?" Now if you don't think these are on the offensive side, maybe you should be named for "Biggest bitch" or maybe "Most insincere?"

If those of you out there want to have some fun, fine, but don't do it at the expense of others. What gives you the right to put down other people?

I'd like to add one more to the list. "Most mature?" Dedicated to whoever had the morals to turn the survey in to the administration despite the survey instructions: "Not Lincoln High School Staff! Duh!"

Grandma gives a whopping lesson

My grandma died last Aug. and I went to California for her memorial service. We went without my dad, because he had flown to see her the week before.

I helped drive down, with my new license, through the beautiful Mt. Shasta area of Northern California. Since it was summer, the sun was shining and reflecting on the unmelted snow.

When we drove over Lake Shasta, I couldn't help but wish I was swimming in that deep, green-blue water rather than going to Grandma's house. Funny how, even though she's dead, I still call my grandparents' house Grandma's. It was always hers; she was the one who was never afraid to speak her opinions. My grandfather was always a man of few words, at least since I have known him.

I remember, when I was little and Grandma wasn't sick, Grampa used to go outside and play catch with my brother and me. Or he would play "Paper, Rock, Scissors" for hours on end. And he was always proud when I sent him my softball playing card.

Sarah Melton

He's been pretty quiet and withdrawn ever since Grandma got a respirator, and their medical bills started gaining on their social security checks.

When I saw Grandma at the beginning of the summer, she tried really hard to seem healthier and happy. She even wanted me to teach her how to play Gin Rummy. I could tell she was trying not to focus on her pain, and to learn the game, but I had to keep reminding her of the rules.

As I got closer and closer to Cloverdale, I just hoped to get everything over with and leave so I didn't have to deal with everyone's condolences.

Nothing bothers me more than obligated, senseless condolences. Grampa got tired of them, too, and left the house-to be by himself, is what my aunt said.

I remember hoping to go home soon.

Now as I think back, I realize that life is short, and enjoying life is important. Even after she was sick, Grandma made sure we were enjoying our time with her, and that we knew she cared. She lived life for the moment, and I admire her for that.

Thumbs up to:

- Fourth quarter: Only nine weeks left until summer, unless you're a senior.
- Being a senior: Only eight weeks left until graduation!

Thumbs down to:

- Bad behavior at assemblies: If you can't act your age and respect others, then leave.
- Allergy season: We hate runny noses.
- The track: It's falling apart.

You tip the moose:

- Earthquake reconstruction: Sure, it's safer, but who asked the trees?

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Why your money means nothing to schools

The recent Business Income Tax initiative has revived an old issue

Public education is having a serious money problem. But, it's not the kind you might think. The problem is not a lack of money, but the continual throwing of public money down the drain.

Look at Jefferson High School. Over $4,800 is expended per student per year, the most spent by any high school in the district. That buys Jefferson the lowest average class size in Portland. And what does that school have to show for all the money it gets? The highest drop-out rate, lowest attendance rate, lowest SAT scores, and lowest percentage of students meeting state standards for math and reading.

By contrast, Lincoln gets over $1,000 less per student and has the second largest average class size, yet manages to pull down the highest SAT scores in the district. Beyond that we also have over four times more students meeting state reading standards than Jefferson and seven times more meeting math requirements.

What do all those figures prove? Money means nothing. If pouring cash into a school system makes someone feel good inside, let that person go ahead, but it doesn't solve any problems.

Aaron Green-Mitchell

What does matter is involvement. At Jefferson about 120 parents showed up for back-to-school night. Lincoln hosted nearly 1200. Jefferson's PTA is inactive at best; Lincoln parents logged 15,900 volunteers hours here. That involvement is what makes the difference.

Those who passed the BIT can pat themselves on the back all they want, but if everyone who voted for it got involved at Jefferson, or any other school in a similar state, maybe we would begin to see some changes.

CONFLICT:

For months the Cardinal Times has been quiet on a crucial issue facing all Americans: The M&M.

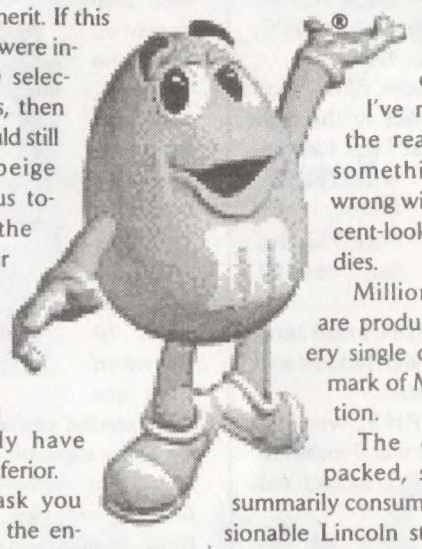
When color is the issue

Lach Litwer-Mos

I remember my early grade school year. On my desk a bag of M&Ms, its contents spilled into the crease of my open book. How I miss those simple days. When my chocolate confections appeared only in the basic colors of red, yellow, green, brown, and our dear departed beige. The downfall of the beige was brought to bear by a cruel decision made by small men in a dimly lit back room in Mars Candy HQ.

When I heard the news, I was furious. How could they deny the children of the world their childhood friend? Taking my grievance to M&M HQ, I demanded an explanation. As you can well imagine the spin doctors spun and the P.R. people lied, but I would not be denied satisfaction.

They finally gave in and admitted the ugly truth. The beige M&M was downsized purely because of its color. Beige M&Ms were eliminated to make room for an under-represented color of candy. Since when is it fair to rob Peter to pay Paul? The only truly fair method of selection would be based on merit. If this type of policy were instated for the selection of M&Ms, then clearly we would still have our beige M&Ms with us today. In fact the only clear loser in such a system would have been the brown M&M which would clearly have been found inferior.



And so I ask you now...will we, the enlightened students of Lincoln High School, stand such a travesty of justice. I hope, for the sake of the future, that we will not.

Selling souls to Mars

I'm troubled.

I was in class the other day, and someone was eating M&Ms.

They offered me a handful, and I accepted it.

But before I ate the candies, I took a good look at them.

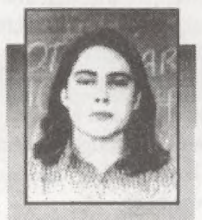
Though I've eaten M&Ms many times before without giving it a second thought, I've now come to the realization that something is very wrong with these innocent-looking little candies.

Millions of M&Ms are produced daily. Every single one bears the mark of Mars Corporation.

The candies are packed, shipped, and summarily consumed by impressionable Lincoln students every day.

Lincoln's administration allows this corporate agenda to infiltrate our school; we're actually shelling out 65 cents for a little bag of Mars propaganda pills.

The first priority of Mars Corporation is definitely not providing you good food.



Aaron Patterson

They are a large corporation, and like all other corporations, they are only about making money.

The school system has provided them with a direct opportunity to market their product to students - in fact, we showcase these packages of PR in our main hall!

The truth is that Lincoln High School has sold out.

In breach of what is morally and ethically right, we are allowing easily influenced young students to be subjected to a one-sided view of candy: The Mars view.

Letters to the Editor

Auto Club backs econ curriculum

To the Editor:

With the GM lab project, students take away from it what they want. If they want to sit in class and not participate and just complain about how they are being oppressed by the big businesses, they can do so, but what have they gained? Nothing.

But if they participate and do their best to learn the things that are being presented, and how economic principles are applied to our every-day life, they can. They will take away a great learning experience that they cannot get by reading a textbook.

Every person that I have talked to that has taken Economics prior to the GM lab project has said to me that they sat down in class and read from a textbook about vague concepts that couldn't easily be applied to their life and that they would have loved to have the opportunity to do the GM lab project. GM lab is not the focus of our class; it is just a project that we are doing, and we are reading the textbook and have weekly assignments from it just like every other Economics class. The cars are simply a tool that are being used to aid in education. The skills and concepts learned could be applied to any business.

Every day I hear students and staff alike talking about how our schools are under-funded, but when one company gives us money to further our education people complain. What do they want?

A fact of life is that everybody will have to do things in life that they don't like and don't want to do. That is just how it goes, and the sooner that people learn that, the sooner they will be prepared for the real world.

I couldn't help but notice that ad that was on the back page of the paper: an ad for Safeway, a very big business. They are advertising in our schools.

The students had the option to leave, and they didn't. This is the real world, folks, and we will not always like what we are going to be doing, but we are going to have do it anyway. Learn to cope, be flexible, and work with people to get the job done. Those are the business skills we need to learn.

~ David Nelson, Automotive Club president

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Voices in the Hall

What should Lincoln do with the money it gets from the Oregon income tax kicker?

"We need funding for computer equipment and books. The rest of the money should go to painting the school."
Ashley Birdwell, *senior*

"We should definitely buy more teachers, because lack of supplies is something we can improvise, but competing for a teacher's attention is detrimental to the learning process."
Natalie McDonald, junior

"The money should go to keeping necessary departments open like the arts. And hire more teachers to reduce class sizes."
Dominic Wahl-Stephens, *senior*

"We need to buy more books so that each student has a copy."
Jennifer Rosenbaum, *sophomore*

"We should look to what is going to benefit the most students and where funding is not available."
Jim Peerenboom, *drama teacher*

What's in the Cards

ERIN BRESLIN Golf

Undefeated in the PIL for two years, junior Erin Breslin hopes to remain on top for another season. After winning the District championship both her freshman and sophomore years, she competed in the State tournament and finished in the top 15 last year.

"Erin is very positive and up beat," said coach Emily Harden. "She may be down in a match, but she will always see the bright side and come out of it."

Her first match, at Eastmoreland against Franklin, was played despite illness and resulted in a disappointing score of 48. On March 31, she rebounded to a top finish in Lincoln's Invitational at Pumpkin Ridge with a score of 83.

"I think our team has melded really well together," said Breslin. "We should win Districts, and be very competitive at the State tournament."

ERIC GUTH Baseball

"In 1986 I was living in New York when the Mets won the World Series. I watched Howard Johnson play third base and wanted to be like him." And senior Eric Guth has been playing ball ever since. He returns for his second season as the varsity starting shortstop.

While not on the baseball diamond, Guth excels on another playing field, jazz music.

He has been playing the saxophone since 4th grade and cites as his idols Ben Harper, John Coltrane, and Stan Getz.

"Music gets my mind off stuff," he says. "It takes you to a different place where you can kick into a groove."

Guth stays in shape during the school year by riding his bike to and from school by his northeast home every day.

He is optimistic about the baseball teams changes this year, "We have a strong starting squad, and good senior leadership. We definitely have a good shot at making the State Playoffs."

JEFF STARR Track

A helping hand will be given to the men's track team this season, thanks to the improvement of versatile Jeff Starr. The 400 meter relay, 110 high hurdles, long jump and triple jump are the four events he is competing in for the cards. "I want to be competitive as a team this year. Personally I'd like to be among the top finishers in all of my events at meets," said Starr. Last year Starr was able to compete with others around the league, but not at the level where he could be a top finisher in competition." I really worked hard in the off-season on weights and foot speed, and I can see the difference," said Starr. With the strength gained from his off-season training, he will have a chance at breaking the school record of 16.71 seconds in the 110 high hurdles." That's definitely one of my goals before the end of this year; It would be a great accomplishment," said Starr.

After three years as a soccer player, Starr will play football in the fall. The sprinter's speed will be an added bonus for the team to go along with the athleticism he used for two years on the freshman and JV basketball teams. In his free time the 17 year old enjoys refereeing youth basketball games at the YMCA, as well as holding down a part-time job at the zoo.

This old track; a real fixer-upper...

The relatively new track is again in sad repair and will need to be refurbished this summer. The track, the sixth in 25 years, will be repaired, under warranty by Atlas Track Co.

By Joe Streckert

What was to be the pride of the Lincoln athletic program has fallen into ruin, and will have to be repaired yet again this summer. Lincoln's year-and-a-half old track is deteriorating, and with it the quality of practice and competition for those who use it on a daily basis.

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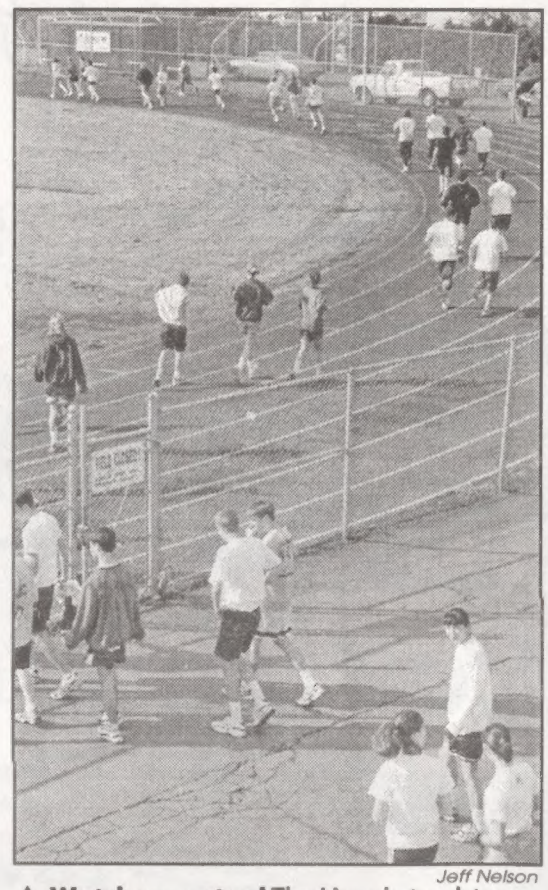
Two years ago, Portland Public Schools, a collection of local joggers, the Multnomah Athletic Club, and Lincoln organizations such as the Booster Club entered a coalition to purchase Lincoln a new track, to replace the previous one that had been decaying and steadily falling apart. To combat the deterioration, Atlas Track Co. has been called back by the district to make repairs this summer.

Surftech installed Lincoln's two previous tracks, which fell apart, and the district, dissatisfied with the company, foreclosed on their bond. Atlas Track Co. is now the current contractor for Portland Public Schools' tracks, and will be improving Surftech's track.

The current track is Lincoln's sixth track in twenty five years, and is now following the paths of its predecessors. The five year warranty that came with it is still applicable.

The deterioration can be a safety problem for athletes, especially baseball players and some track runners who wear cleats or spikes that can tear up large tracts of loose rubber filings, according to Athletic Director Mark Brazo. Also, the track and field teams that compete on the runway have had to deal with reduced quality both in practice and in active competition. Also, a bad track is also simply an annoyance for runners.



Jeff Nelson

▲ **Watch your step!** The Lincoln track team takes a warm up lap.

Track in the past

May 16, 1897

Last Saturday, the 12th , the Portland High School athletic team met defeat at the hands of the Pacific College team, of Newburg, by the score of 37 1/2 to 64 1/2. The score does not show a bad defeat, when we take into consideration the disadvantages under which our team labored. In the first place, the early hour at which we had to arise in order to catch the boat, and this, together with the consequently early breakfast and lack of sleep, must be taken into consideration. Then came the long and tedious journey up through the locks at Oregon City and on to Newburg.

The fact that dinner was eaten not an hour before we competed, must not be lost sight of. Then, the ground was new, the track was different from anything we had ever run on before, and in several of the races we ran in exactly the opposite direction from which we were accustomed. We were also badly handicapped in the hurdles on account of their size and their manner of construction. But with all our handicaps, I consider our showing very good, considering the short time we had in which to train.

The first event on the programme was the 90-yard dash, and was won by Redmond. P.C., with Dammasch, P.H.S. second, in 9 1/2 seconds.

Next came the 120-yard hurdle, and on account of the peculiarity of their construction, Jackson fell, and with him our hopes: for the Pacific College took all three places, in 18 seconds.

The mile run was won by Nicolas, of the Portland High School, Stanley, of Pacific College, second, and Titcombe, P.H.S., third, in 4:47 3-5.

Schaller, P.H.S., took first place in the high jump, at 5 feet 4 inches, with Rasch, P.H.S., and Price, P.C., tied for second place.

Macy, P.C., won the broad jump at 18 feet 1 3/4 , with Jackson second and Rasch third.

Wickersham, P.H.S., won the shot-put, with 28 feet 9 inches to his credit, Hester, P.C., second, and Schaller third.

The two-mile bicycle race was won by Cox, P.C., Wendling, P.H.S., second. Metclaf and Trimble collided in this race on the final spurt.

Cardinal hoop dreams

Having recently attended the State basketball championships at Memorial Coliseum,I came to a conclusion. Lincoln is meant to be there. I'm not only talking about the varsity basketball team itself,but also the student body.

There I was, sitting in the stands, longing for a school to call my own, one that I could really cheer for. Looking at the student sections of the various schools, I was blown away by the lack of spirit. Some of the schools were well represented in the crowds, and the fans remembered to sport their school colors; but what to do when they got there was the problem. Just looking at the expressionless faces of the silent crowds made me chuckle and sigh. What great things could come if our team was to get to the show, at the Glass Palace, the fabled Coliseum.

Kevin Dodson

I can see it now: Parents and faculty worrying about the rowdy Lincoln crowd, hoping it wouldn't embarasse the school. I think it would be one of the best experiences our school could have.The men's State tournament is a highly publicized and looked forward to event around the state.To go to the men's tournament is much more of a bragging right than of the women's.Although our women's team has been more successful than that of their male counterparts, I would get chastised for bragging about that to a friend from Wilson or Jesuit.

Let's take a minute to look back at the women's state tournament '95-96. Our women's team played Gresham at the Chiles Center, and our crowd almost completely filled the entire student section. Even this year when our volleyball team won the PIL and opened at the Chiles Center, students filled our section. Yet it wasn't the masses of students that impressed me, it was the exuberant spirit they brought with them.

Cheering loudly for the Cards for every shot, spike, rebound and point, our crowd challenged the spirit of the other schools and always outdid them. Like this year, once and a while we'd have a cheer that would not be well-taken, but like a ray of sunshine, the true Lincoln spirit would always outshine the few inappropriate cheers or motions.Even when our team's hopes of winning looked completely glum, the crowd would come up with a cheer like "we love our girls;" all as a sign of respect for the competitors representing our school we love.

So far in my high school career I have had many memorable experiences, but I wish one of those could have been watching my beloved Cards play in the Coliseum. Getting out of class to watch the afternoon game would be a heavenly experience. And I think our school would definitely make a positive showing. The only problem is that since I don't play basketball the only help I can give to next year's squad is to hope and pray that the team puts it all together and makes a run to the Coliseum like I know it can.

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Mock Trial team advances to state

By Megan Basayne-Smith

The ten member Mock Trial team advanced to state following district competition on March 7. The team faced other schools from Multnomah County. At issue was the responsibility of the city to keep public drinking water clean so that citizens with AIDS would not become sick or even die. Team members played the roles of attorney and witnesses in the case.

> "We have a very strong team and two great coaches who will help us go as far as we can."
>
> *Will Balogh*
> SOPHOMORE

Training all year, the team has been coached by attorneys Robin Runstien and Amy Harson meeting twice a week at school or at the Multnomah County Courthouse.

State competition will be held Apr. 3-5, and Lincoln will be up against competitors such as Grant and South Salem.

"Some schools like Grant have a Mock Trial class, making them very good," says Will Balogh, sophomore. Teams will be assessed by judges who grade the attorneys and the witnesses.

"We have a very strong team and two great coaches will help us go as far as we can," says Balogh.

Lincoln hopes to advance on the nationals, which will be held in New Mexico.

Senior's speech rejected

By Amy Jennaro

Senior Leah Hyman was looking forward to present ing her speech at commencement when she was told that wouldn't be possible. It had been rejected by the committee responsible for choosing the ceremony's performers.

Hyman's speech, the only one submitted among six musical acts, talked about major issues that unify the Class of 1998: the need for the graduates to form a future for themselves and the desire to rebuild the schools after damage done by tax cuts.

"The majority of Oregon voters, it seems, have chosen their property over their grandchildren," she says in the address, referring to the fallout from Measure 47, which arrested escalating property taxes but cut schools programs to the bone.

Hyman ends the speech on a hopeful note, describing the class willingness "to fight for education and community and every generation to follow."

According to Hyman, the main reasons for the rejection were that the talk wasn't uplifting enough and committee members were worried about her delivery.

Curriculum Vice Principal John Vingelen, a committee member, declined to comment on the reasons for rejecting the speech. He did say that the committee ranked all performances and the three which will be included in commencement "didn't include a speech."

Sharon Hudson, Vingelen's secretary and also a committee member, said that the primary reason for rejecting the talk had little to do with its content. "I was just more impressed by the musical acts," she said.

For another committee member, Administrative Vice Principal Ken Fong's secretary, Judi Harless, another concern was how much room there was in the ceremony for Hyman's speech. "In the past we were very limited on how much time we had to spare," she said.

Other committee members were drama teacher Jim Peerenboom, and English teachers Barbara Berger and Dayna Wallmark.

Vingelen has since given Hyman the opporunity to read the address at the senior assembly or other senior events, but Hyman is unsure she wants to do that.

"I wrote (the speech) for commencement and for our class and for our final stand at Lincoln," she said.

And Hyman would still like the opportunity to make that final stand.

A sobering commencement speech is rejected; the committee responsible declines to comment on why.

Speech team

Lincoln is talking up a storm with its debate team earning several slots in the state and national competitions. Here are the standings:

State:

Chiara Juster- Poetry and Serious Interpretations
Joe Streckert- Impromptu and After Dinner Speaking
Brian Simmonds- Impromptu
Misha Isaac- Humerous Interpretation
Rebacca Allen- Oratory and After Dinner Speaking
Jenny Miller- Serious Interpretation
Erica Fey- Radio and Prose
Emily Cordo- Radio
Trang Nguyen- Prose
Michael Nguyen- Prose

Nationals:

Anna Campbell- Serious
Anna Campbell and Lauren Costly- Dual
Marissa Isaak- Humerous
Brian Simmonds and Emily Cordo- Cross-Examination Debate

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THE CT REVIEWS

Music

Jonny Lang

"Lie to Me," A&M Records

★★★½

By Brodie Lewis

For some reason, I found it harder to rip apart Jonny Lang's debut album than any other I have reviewed this year. This is probably because, frankly, it bugs me that this guy is known internationally, plays alongside some of the greatest musicians of our time, has legions of fans, and has an album that has sold thousands of copies, and done all this in the same amount of time it has taken me to get where I am, sitting at this computer writing this review: 16 years.

So here, I'll try to give an accurate portrayal of his music. It's okay as far as blues goes, is very catchy in segments, the guitar work and vocals are as good as you can ask for from a 16 year-old, and deserves respect because he has done what very few ever do, at a much younger age. However, this turns out to be one of his biggest detractors, because I find little sympathy for Jonny when he sings about his hardships. Somehow I don't find the mountains of adversity in being a rich white boy from Fargo, North Dakota with masses of admiring adolescent girls all across the country. But maybe that's just me.

Music

Silkk the Shocker

Charge it 2 Da Game, No Limit Records

★★★

By Brynn VonBergen

Silkk gets things going quickly on the disc with "I'm a Soldier," and sticks to the hugely successful precedent that characterizes most No Limit releases: gangster rhymes over tight beats. Silkk also gets back-up help from other No Limit soldiers Master P, Mia X, C-Murder, and Mystikal.

"Carge it 2 Da Game" has continuous hits and is definitely a platinum potential.

Movie

U.S. Marshals

Columbia Pictures, rated PG-13

★

By Liam McGranahan

If you are the type of person who likes to go out, pay money, and waste an evening to see a bad movie, then "U.S. Marshals" is the movie for you. Starring Tommy Lee Jones, this two and a half hour putrid mess is being billed as the sequel to "The Fugitive." If you liked "The Fugitive," you will hate this movie.

The movie runs along the same plot lines as its source, only Harrison Ford has been replaced by Wesley Snipes, a far inferior actor. He plays a framed man who escapes from a crashed plane. Then ol' Tommy comes in to save the day and catch Snipes, who has to keep running in order to clear his name. This goes on for two hours. Then Snipes clears his name, the villain gets killed, and the movie is over. There. Now you don't need to go see it.

★★★★ Best ever! Worth your life savings.
★★★ Pretty darn good. Break the piggybank!
★★ Okay—Maybe worth a week's allowance.
★ Skip it! Not worth spare change.
∴ Free is still too expensive.

From the dungeon

The Dungeon Click, a group of four Lincoln students, are taking hip-hop to a new level

By Vanessa Bunnell

"My moms and pops always told me to go for what I believe in," said Floyd Tyrice McCorvy (Reecee), "and that's what I'm trying to do."

Reecee, along with juniors Brian King (Boss Hog), Walker Carey (Tiny Toon), and former student Dante Taplin (Cash), are making their dreams come true by writing, performing, and producing their own music. "Our raps are real. It's what we see and feel in our hearts," said Reecee.

James Nelson

"Playa Love": Floyd McCorvy keeps it alive.

"The Dungeon Click" started working together almost five months ago. Making beats and practicing in the basement of a friend's house has allowed Reecee to begin his life in the music industry. "I feel I can make it in the music world," he said, "but I got to give much love and thanks to Phil [the group's mentor] for preparing us and teaching us about music, because if it wasn't for him we wouldn't be able to do this."

Songs such as "Bang,bang," "The Passion of Cheese," and "Playa Love in the N.E.P" featuring senior Matt Wade, and "The 3P (Puff,Puff,Pass)" have already been recorded on a demo tape.

Although still in high school, each group member holds a dream of being in the music industry. Reecee looks up and compares himself to Crucial Conflict and Bone Thugs and Harmony.

"Starting off right now, I know that we are going to separate sometime, but I can tell that all of us will achieve something in life," said Reecee.

"The Dungeon Click" members plan to continue doing what they do best, while still being teenagers and hopefully become the first rap group to make it big from the halls of Lincoln.

Weekend Picks

'Kurt & Courtney' comes to P-town

See the movie that Courtney Love, widow of Kurt Cobain, personally had kicked out of the Sundance film festival. Of course, you probably wouldn't want a movie playing at that festival either, if the movie accused you of killing your rock star husband. That's the plot line behind the documentary "Kurt and Courtney," which comes to Portland's own Cinema 21 (well-know for bringing the animation festival to the Rose City) this Saturday. The controversial movie opens on April 11, and plays through April 21. Showings are nightly at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., with late-night 10:45 p.m. showings on Friday and Saturday. You had better catch this gem soon, because this is the only cinema in Portland showing it, and it's anybody's guess as to when it'll come out on video.

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8. A cat's intestine can stretch around the world nine times.

7. Ninety-five percent of the men in Alaska have prostate cancer.

6. The meat of one female adult blue whale can feed the country of Cameroon for two days.

5. If you rearrange the letters from the first sentence of the Bible, it spells "Aliens Rule".

4. George Washington grew hemp, and Benjamin Franklin had a hemp processing plant.

3. The 'D' in 'Grade D Meat' stands for delicious.

2. "I once found a human finger in a bucket of KFC."

1. Whistling was outlawed in Virginia until 1798.

By Liam McGranahan

Website of the Week

By Brodie Lewis

www-cse.ucsd.edu/users/busy/coke.html

There is a little-known phenomenon in the ultra-geek computer world. About 14 years ago, when the internet was just beginnning to become somewhat practical, college computer nerds around the country were finding different kinds of ways to use the new technology.

Between hours of seemingly endless fun on the net, they would travel down the dorm hall to get a Coke. One day, an unnamed computer geek got all the way to the machine, only to find that it was empty. Not a drink left in the machine.

He found this so aggravating, he made a resolution to do something about it. Thus, the online Coke machine was born. Someone devised a way to monitor the machine at the end of the hall, put the data into a computer, and then onto the net.

With a highly intricate program, a way was found to know when the machine was empty, and even a way to see which column of Cokes would be the coldest. All this was put into the net, so that anyone in the world could check the status of that machine, thereby eliminating a futile trip to the end of that hall.

Now there are many of these online Coke machines, and more are being created all the time.

This page has a list of all the online machines in the world, as well as a history behind the project.

The usefulness of this page?

None, since the closest machine is at OSU.

The novelty?

Infinite, since you can see how many Cokes are in the machine at the University of Sydney, Australia.

Check it out.

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